

261—24.5(15E) Broadband forward certification.

24.5(1) *Application requirements.* To obtain broadband forward certification, a political subdivision shall submit to the authority an application indicating all of the following:

- a.* The political subdivision's support and commitment to promote the availability of broadband.
- b.* Existing or proposed ordinances encouraging the further development of broadband infrastructure and access to broadband.
- c.* Efforts to secure local funding for the further development of broadband infrastructure and access to broadband.
- d.* A single point of contact for the political subdivision for all matters related to broadband and broadband infrastructure.

24.5(2) *Single point of contact.* The single point of contact designated pursuant to paragraph 24.5(1) "d" shall be responsible for all of the following:

- a.* Coordination and partnership with the authority, communications service providers, realtors, economic development professionals, employers, employees, and other broadband stakeholders.
- b.* Collaboration with the authority, communications service providers, and employers to identify, develop, and market broadband packages available in the political subdivision.
- c.* Familiarity with broadband mapping tools and other state-level resources.
- d.* Maintaining regular communication with the authority.
- e.* Providing to the political subdivision regular reports regarding the availability of broadband in the political subdivision.

24.5(3) *Evaluation.* The authority will evaluate whether the applicant demonstrates that its efforts or proposed efforts to develop broadband infrastructure and access to broadband will have a sufficient impact that warrants certification.

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